

Long Lane. New York. May 25. 1840.

Dear Maria, The public meeting was as might have been expected, very common place. An abstract of the Report was presented, read to the public ears of N.Y. The document was chiefly to be noted for what was not there rather than what was. Leavitt was its author & he read it, the other Secretaries J. G. B. & H. B. Stanton & lady, having sailed for La on the day previous. W. Garnet a col'd man, spoke very well. He was followed by a miserable tirade from Luke Lee & a statement from L. Tappan as to the Amistad, that finished the services. The business meeting began at 4. A. Tappan absent. He B. P. for Mr. N. K. & Vermont being called for and all being absent or declining Francis Jackson was called to the chair. C. L. Knapp. C. Ken and, Bospett, Hastings, of Penn & one more were made assistance Sec's and directed to go to the house & take the names of the delegates. This they did, & to the query of who were members, Leavitt read the two articles in the Constitution to which he returned even as the question was put. St Clair asked the chair if contributing to the funds of an auxiliary was contributing to the American Soc & the chair decided it was. Leavitt moved that a Res Com be offered by the chair. This was carried and F. J. named the following persons. ^{W. L. Garrison of Mass the champion} Codding of Mass. Rogers of N. H. Robinson of Ver. A. A. Phelps and Abby Kelly of Mass. Thomas Davis of R. I. C. W. Gardier of Penn. L. Tappan of N.Y. Denison of New Jersey. W. L. Chaplin of N.Y. Burleigh of Penn. It was proposed that each be taken separately. All went on swimmingly till it came

As A. Kelly - then there was, first an immense yes vote when
the contrary motion was called for a superb no. Francis pro-
posed it carried & the meeting voted the vote. E. G. Loring
called for the yeas & nays & Phelps secured it. It was finally
decided that as the roll was not made out, the vote should be
settled by counting and after a long and breathless pause the
vote was ascertained. Denison of N. Y. when the contrary motion was
called for, urged all women opposed to the action of women to vote
and numbers did so. The vote stood about thus. 557 in the affir-
mative to 451. in the negative. The announcement was received with
clapping and hissing. Garrison spoke against any such demonstra-
tions. ^{L. Tappan} Phelps asked to be excused and gave 4 reasons why he could
not sit on the Bus Con with a woman. 1st It was opposed to the
Con. 2^d It was fire brand thrown into the fire. 3^d It is contrary to
the usage of the civilized world. 4. It destroys the efficiency of the Con.
E. G. Loring answered him very well. 1st explained the Con. and
persons. 2^d He who would keep out women threw the brand. 3^d no
matter as to usage. Slavery was the usage of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the civilized
world yet we attacked that. Collins moved the 15 minute rule
amended to 5 minutes, and after great opposition by Phelps &
being sustained by Loring it was carried. Phelps asked leave to
decline serving for the same & other reasons. In the course of
his remarks he quoted something Garrison had said and said he
had a certificate signed by two ladies to this effect that women
ought not to join the Con. etc the name was called for and he
gave Parker. Phelps then gave more reasons. spoke of joint
meeting, etc. Garrison denied every thing. & replied well. Sprague
spoke well to the same point. Denison followed in a misere-
strous. May followed in a foolish speech as might be expected but

no one took much notice. Phelps, E. G. Davis Child, Abby Kelly
and Robert Harner of this spoke. Child spoke capitally.
Dr Tappan of Augusta spoke also & there was a great deal
of talk; a really excited Mass meeting it was. It held on
till near dark and when we broke up it was felt that
we had achieved a glorious victory. - Today we suppose
that they will make an attempt to reconsider. Sumner
has said he could bring up 200 old women to outvote
us. We are very well situated here, a snug little pulpit
E. Quincy & the Dr & Mary are with us. Mary Chapman
sent love to her mother & will write tomorrow. Caroline
took the notes yesterday & I shall so say. There are
about 40 or 50 new orgs from the Western part of the
Mass of Mass. L. H. C. could not come for his father's
illness.

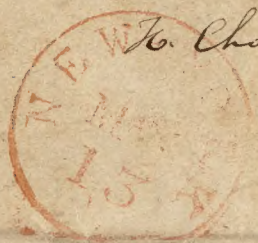
There is talk of mobbing, but I would not read
this or Chauncy M. Let him read all the
rest of the letter to them & then send it by mail
to Weymouth. We are all smart & feel well.

My dear father I trust that you & Aunt Priscilla
will feel at all bad about us. The rest of the
family are so hardened that I need say nothing
to them. In extreme haste
Aunt.

Sumner married a niece of G. Smith
Levitt behaves very handsomely

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Mrs Maria W. Chapman.



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